

IPC Exeter – The Teachers' Choice

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Practical Ideas for the Teaching of English Literature in the Classroom

This course has been specifically designed for teachers of English with an interest in English literature and an advanced language level. The course includes excursions selected to complement some of the literature considered and participants have the opportunity to visit the places featuring in the works of Jane Austen or Thomas Hardy or John Fowles. The 2 week course comprises 37.5 hours of classroom tuition.

Classroom sessions feature:

- Personal language development with the emphasis on the spoken language, colloquial English, intonation and phonology patterns, vocabulary etc.
- Literature in the classroom including some of the following:
 - Looking at literary language – sounds, pictures through language, dialogue
 - Looking at poetry – rhyme, line counts, chorus and refrains, repetitions, poems with shapes, rhythm
 - Looking at short stories – the ingredients of a good short story, the differences between a short story and a novel
 - Looking at novels – village life, the West Country, film and story focusing on Hardy in preparation for day trip to Dorset
 - Children should read widely – ideas to encourage pupils to read
 - A Practical Ideas for Teaching Literature ideas - exchange session

- 1 session introducing the British education system, to include key stages, pastoral care system, identification of groups of children and an opportunity to browse resources in preparation for micro-teaching
- Group presentations based on local literature connections

Previous participants said:

“As a secondary school teacher where both the language and the literature are taught, the course has given me lots of new ideas to bring to my classes. Moreover, I have had the opportunity to practise and refresh my English and to exchange experiences with teachers with the same needs, which has been really helpful.”
(Patrizia Tufo, Italy)

“I really find the teachers enthusiastic and inspiring.” (Jennie Wincent, Sweden)

“It has greatly contributed to my professional development. It has fully fulfilled my expectations. The ideas taught and practised in the classroom are very practical, new, fresh and useful for my teaching practice. In fact, I’m going to use nearly all of them next course with my pupils.”(Anon.)

“I’m prepared to teach literature and language in a much more playful and interesting way as I did before.”
(Anon.)

This course provides participants with a wonderful opportunity to establish links with teachers from many European countries.



	WEEK 1		WEEK 2
Sunday	Travel to Exeter. On arrival in Exeter you will be met by your homestay hosts.	Sunday	Day trip to Jane Austen's Bath. Depart in coach from South Street 08h30. Return Exeter 18h30
Monday	AM: Introduction to IPC and the Practical Ideas for Teaching Literature Course PM: Guided tour of Exeter and Cathedral	Monday	AM: British Education System + preparation and planning time for group presentations PM: Group Presentations
Tuesday	AM: What is Literature? – Open Forum PM: Teaching Literature – practical ideas	Tuesday	AM: Personal Language Development PM: Literature: Thomas Hardy and preparation for the trip to Hardy country
Wednesday	AM: Personal Language Development PM: Teaching literature – practical ideas	Wednesday	Day trip to Thomas Hardy's Dorset. Depart in coach from South Street 08h30. Return Exeter 18h30
Thursday	AM: Personal language Development PM: Half day trip to Dartmoor	Thursday	AM: Teaching Literature – practical ideas PM: Teaching Literature - ideas exchange
Friday	AM Personal Language Development PM: Local Literature Connections – information gathering for group presentations	Friday	AM: Final session + closure PM: Course Evaluation and free time from 14h00
Saturday	Free Time	Saturday	Travel home

*Morning training sessions take place between 09h15 and 12h15 (30 minutes break between 10h30 and 11h00)
Afternoon training sessions take place between 13h00 and 16h00 (Afternoon break to be negotiated with participants)*